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In re Appln. of: **Bjarne L. Christensen et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/536,535**

Filed: **May 26, 2005**

For: **CONNECTING PIECE FOR A TUBING**

Attorney Docket No: **12706-21**

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- ☒ Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; copy of reference D48
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
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- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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### THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (two sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

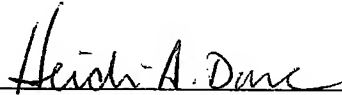
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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